# WANTS REV. GILL RETURNED

AVENUE CHURCH.

Coming Maryland Annual Methodist Protestant Conference Will Be Requested to Return Pastor.

The congregation of the Rhode Island wants Rev. J. M. Gill returned to that ter the plane. pastorate for another year. This decision was reached at a congregational 'he church.

Thomas J. Wilson was chosen as the



Rev. J. M. Gill.

delegate of the church to the conference, gregation that Rev. Mr. Gill be returned o the pastorate for another year. Julian

The good work which has been accom plished by Rev. Mr. Gill in the upbuilding of the Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Protestant Church is recognized in religious circles throughout the Capital city. and many are of the opinion that the congregation is looking forward to even greater advances in the work in asking the conference to again return him to the

### Pastor Coming Here.

Rev. Charles C. Waite, paster of the Winchester Avenue Christian Church of Martinsburg, W. Va., will become pastor of the Thirty-fourth Street Christian Church at Mount Rainier, April 1. The call to the local pastorate was re-

ceived several weeks ago by the West Virginia pastor, and after considering it announced Monday he will come to Washington. His resignation wil take effect the latter part of this month and he will immediately locate in this city. Rev. Mr. Waite has been pastor of the Martinsburg church for the past two years and has been very successful. church at Mount Rainier was organized in

"Egypt, the Land of Mystery."

Rev. Dr. George Bailey lectured at the Western Presbyterian Church last night | Hodges Carr; vice director, W. B. Severe upon "Egypt, the Land of Mystery." The lecture was the beginning of the second series which Dr. Bailey will give in the Western Church upon the peorles of the orient.

# Change in Title of Ordination.

An important change has been made, according to advices from Rome, in the title of ordination for Catholic cleries in the United States. Applicants for the priesthood will no longer be pledged by oath to missionary service within prescribed limits, even though they may have changed their status from the secular to the religious profession. This is one of the first effects of the changed status of the American clergy as a result of the transfer from the jurisdiction of the propaganda to the general disciplinary tribunals of the

The change directly affects the title of ordination under which candidates for the priesthood are to be promoted to the subdeaconate. This title is no longer the "titulus missionis" (title of mission), but the 'titulus servitu ecclesia" (title of service in the church). Most priests of the United States have been ordained under the former title, and following ordinations will exempt candidates from the obligation of being

subject to mission duty. The announcement of the important change was recently made in the Eccieviastical Review, a Catholic publica- laid against his life. To escape their evil outright that Jesus Christ then made the earnest request that the apostle would tion, which contains the printed letter addressed by the secretary of state. Cardinal Merry del Val. to the apostolic land against his life. To escape that the designs he fled from the city at night, man whole (Acts, iv:10); that the cure, beginning immediately, would be combelled by the secretary of state. The later life he recorded what Luke omits. The later life he recorded what Luke omits. delegate, Mgr. Diomede Falconio.

### New Officers Elected.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Northminster Presbyterian Church has elected the following officers: President, Miss Sue Murphy; vice president. Lawrence Wilson; recording secretary, Miss Schmid: treasurer. Mr. Patterson. The Northminster Endeavorers believe in an entire change of officers each year. Much enthusiasm was aroused when competitors were solicited for the races to be held by the society. Five shares were subscribed to the Build-

# Joint Revival Services.

Joint revival services will be held in the First and Sixth Presbyterian Churches, beginning March 21, Rev. Dr. Donald C. MacLeod, pastor of the First town near the Mediterranean, perhaps and removed this good woman from the Church, will preach in the Sixth Church each evening for two weeks following the opening service, and Rev. Dr. Spoonter, pastor of the Sixth Church, will content to the gospel thither. It is especially expected the gospel thither. It is especially carried the gospel thither. It is especially interesting that one fact only is given duct a religious campaign in the First Church for one week following the effort in the Sixth Church. Both congregations palsy, who had been confined to his bed had paused at the spectacle of death to it is expected that all will be largely at-

# Dr. Bailey to Hold Services.

Western Presbyterian Church, will hold a into distinction! The palsied Aenaes is the reaches out instinctively for sympathy. he cried, speaking her Hebrew name, 28-31). Out of many answers this is proptwo weeks' revival service in that church, beginning March 28 and closing before Easter Sunday.

# C. W. Fitton Goes to Oklahoma.

today for Oklahoma City, Okla., to recuperate his health.

DECISION OF RHODE ISLAND board, and quarterly conference, assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, choir leader and chorister, and treasurer of the Epworth League. Last Sunday morning the Sunday school bade him good-bye. W. R. Hunt, superintendent, delivered a farewell address. Monday evening a farewell reception was given by the societies of the church and a purse was presented to Mr. Fitton. Addresses were made by Rev. W. L. Lynn, pastor; W. R. Hunt, R. Moricle and E. H. Pullman, A solo was sung by Mrs. W. L. Lynn. Miss Lillie Winter Avenue Methodist Protestant Church played the violin and Miss Beulah Win-

Fourth Quarterly Conference.

At the fourth quarterly conference held meeting held recently, and the delegate at Eldbrooke Methodist Episcopal Church. of the church to the Maryland annual Tenleytown, D. C., Thursday evening, conference of the Methodist Protestant March 11, 1909, resolutions commending Church, which meets shortly, was in- their work and asking for the return of structed to request that body to again Rev. Allen F. Poore as pastor of the send Rev. Mr. Gill to the church. This church and of Dr. J. W. R. Sumwalt as makes the ninth consecutive time this district superintendent were unanimouscongregation has unanimously requested by adopted. The church treasurer's rethe return of the pastor, and it is dethrough his office during the year; that clared shows the great popularity the moneys in hand were sufficient to comminister enjoys among the members of plete the payment to the pastor of his salary in full, and that the moneys received but not yet disbursed were sufficient to liquidate all outstanding bills. Besides this, by March 31 there will have been paid a sum of \$550 on the \$750 church debt, leaving a balance on this account of only \$200 yet to be paid, which sum except for a matter of \$50 is covered by subscriptions payable on or before

> This \$200 is expected to be in hand in time for a great celebration to be held about the middle of May, when the church mortgage will be burned at a centennial celebration of the founding of the church. The conference collections this year are as large as ever, some a bit larger; a stone walk has been laid as an approach for about 300 feet, from the cars to the church; a class of thirteen has just been admitted, others have been admitted during the year and a large class is now

Sunday school reported all bills paid and year. balance on hand. Taken all in all, the



Rev. Dr. J. W. R. Sumwalt. tion and gratification at the prosperous

ers in Gorsuch M. E. Church, will leave ance of over \$30 in the treasury and the tion to paying the same salary paid this of the members of the choir in memory has been trained by S. P. Minnick. The

Rev. Merritt Earl and members of his In leaving he vacates several positions. Rev. Poore will carry to the conference official board from Concord Church, they made the promise of conformity to of girls, and is under the direction of among them membership on the official which convenes in Baltimore March 29 a Maryland, were present for the last time good account of his stewardship, and as members of Eldbrooke quarterly con- ben training under Mr. Trott for the past evening was Rev. A. S. Johns. many were the expressions of congratula- ference, as next year they will form a two months. The choristers' names folconference of their own.

Concert by Choir.

The choir of the First M. P. Church, 4th street southeast between E and G streets, under the direction of J. G. Klein, will give a concert Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the church auditorium. The choir will be assisted by Miss Beulah Luxon and Miss Christine Church, sopranos; Miss Elice Maydwell, reader; Herman Hoffman, violinist; Roland Rodrick. baritone; Joseph F. Mathieu, tenor; B. Allen Terrill, tenor, and J. P. Redeker, bass. Mrs. J. G. Klein will be the ac-

Lectures at New Church.

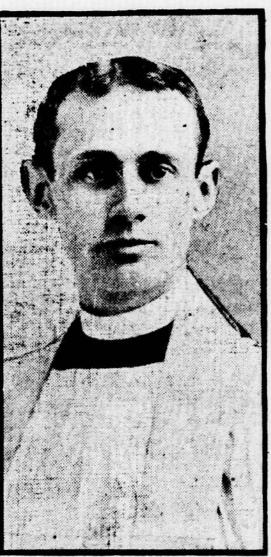
Rev. Dr. Frank Sewall, pastor of the New Church, 16th and Corcoran streets northwest, announces a series of three Sunday evening addresses at that church by Rev. Dr. Smyth of New York. The first lecture will-be given tomorrow evening upon "The Immanuel Movement." The subject for March 21 is "Christ's

Heal the Sick and Cast Out Devils." The final lecture March 28 will be upon "Suggestion and Subconscious Forces in the Healing of Sick Minds." The address tomorrow evening will deal with Dr. Worcester's claim that the church has weakened the Christian religion, retaining with some degree of

Healing Ministry; and His Commission to

faith Christ's message to the soul, but rejecting with unbelief His ministry to Boys' Easter Nativity Choir. Rev. Enoch M. Thompson formally admitted twelve boys to the choir of the new Chapel of the Nativity, at Massachusetts avenue and A street southeast

low: Barton Greenwood, Herbert Green-



Rev. Enoch M. Thompson.

wood, Louis Hale, Maynard Harrison. ury, the Epworth League showed a bal- sonage until the new one is built, in addi- cross was presented to the chapel by one choir, to which the boys were admitted, comity among the churches

of his mother, and hymnals were present- Chapter of Praise, which sings at the ed to the choristers by W. B. Trott when weekday Lenten services, consists wholly the rules of the choir. The boys have Miss Alice Ford. The preacher Sunday

> Will Occupy Dr. Muir's Pulpit. Rev. Dr. L. W. Cronknite of Burmah

India, will deliver an address in the Temple Baptist Church, 10th and N streets northwest, tomorrow evening upon that country. The minister, who has spent a number of years in the orient, is said to be a forceful speaker, and a large attendance will doubtless hear him.

"Toward the Heights."

Rev. Dr. Charles F. Winbigler, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, to liquidate the church debt, which will occupy the pulpit of the Church of Our Father, 13th and L streets northwest, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. Winbigler will speak on "The Larger Outlook of the Emanuel Movement." Dr. Winbigler's special topic will be "Toward the Heights.'

Will Address Atlantic City Y.M.C.A. address in the new Y. M. C. A. building at Atlantic City, April 18. The building, which was recently dedicated, is regarded as a model of its kind. John Wanamaker, formerly Postmaster General, contributed largely to the erection.

Federal Council of Churches.

The Federal Council of the Churches has just completed its organization at a meeting held in Philadelphia, and for the first time in the religious history of America the principal Protestant denominations of the country are banded together for service. Thirty-three denominations in all are included in the new organization. Bishop Hendrix of the Southern Methodist Church is president of the council, and Next year the church expects to build last Sunday evening. The vestments had Wilbur Hildebrand, Guy Mangum, Cur- will hold office until his successor is awaiting admission into full membership its own parsonage, and to cover this item been made by members of the choir and rie Paul, Charles Paul, Douglas Powell, elected in 1912. The immediate work in the church; the Ladies' Aid Society re- for the pastor's accommodation next year congregation, and now men, women and George Shaffer, Reginald Cheriff, Harry which lies before the council is the proport showed more than \$50 in the treas- the conference decided to furnish a par- boy singers are fully equipped. The choir Vanderlip and Harry Paulus. The adult motion of the spirit of co-operation and

# GUILD RAISING \$6,000

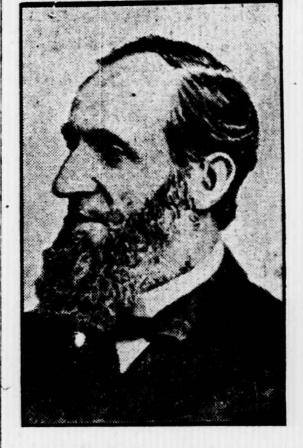
DEBT ON LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH TO BE PAID.

Rev. Dr. Butler and Members of Congregation Trying to Raise

Amount by Easter.

The Pastor's Guild of the Luther Memorial Church, which was established several months ago, is working hard to raise \$6,000 by Easter Sunday in order amounts to \$8,000. If the \$6,000 is raised a contributor to the church has promised to give the remaining \$2,000.

The two conditions for membership in the guild prescribe loyalty to the paster and helpfulness in Christian service. In a circular issued to the church members Dr. J. G. Butler, the pastor, comments upon the fact that since the disastrous fire at the church some years ago Reev. Dr. George Bailey will deliver an | more than \$50,000 has been spent in re-



#### Rev. Dr. J. G. Butler.

storing and improving the church and that \$8,000 must be raised to liquidate not be mortgaged. "If God has enriched you, be rich toward God.

#### Christian Endeavor Hour.

For Sunday, March 14, 1909. Topic: "What Are Our Liquor Laws and How Are They Enforced?" Deut, by: 1-9. "Law does not create virtue; but law does assist virtue. It removes obstacles

from virtue's pathway," says one writer on this subject. The trouble with Christian temperance people is that they often do not know what the liquor laws are, nor how they

may help to enforce them. A great re-"It should be known that every citizen has a law book at hand for his use, if he but knew it, in the nearest police station, another in the nearest courthouse, another in the mayor's office, and yet others in the offices of public prose-

evening, when a joint meeting of the two cutors, sheriffs and other officers, all the organizations will be held. Paul H. Wat- property of the citizens. One of the very best methods of reform is to publish in the press and pulpit the substance of the laws and penalties relating to intemperance, gambling, impurity and Sabbath breaking. Such a publication proves to be sensational news, so little do citizens know of their own laws. When you turn over a stone, how the bugs run! Lawbreakers are similarly affected when the light is turned on them. The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but, as Dr. Parkhurst says, 'they make better time when some one is after them.'

According to Encyclopedia Americana, Congress passed the first national prohibition law for white men in 1899, prohibiting the sale of even beer and light wines in army "canteens." which law was reaffirmed in two years and in 1903 was followed by laws excluding liquor from United States immigrant stations and the Capitol, in further development of the policy of prohibiting liquor selling in government buildings. Then national temperance efforts turned to preventing interference with state liquor laws by outsiders under protection of national powers of "interstate commerce" an "internal revenue," in order to give free scope to the growing policy of local prohibition, which, with other forms of prohibition, was reported in 1904 to have extended to two-fifths of the population. In 1907-8 prohibition was adopted in six southern democratic states, making, with three northern republican states under the same policy, nine prohibition states, with a population of ten millions. The area of local prohibition was also increased under the leadership of the Anti-Saloon League, bringing the total American population under prohibition up to about forty millions, out of a total of

ninety millions. These figures sound encouraging, until we remember that many of these laws are broken, and that it requires constant vigilance on the part both of agitators and those in authority to keep the advance from becoming loss again.

The enemy is hard at work ready to slip in if the officers of the law become lax, and the liquor interests are ever alert. working quietly to get these laws repeal-

For instance, last winter one of our popular lecturers giving a series of illus

trated talks on various topics took occasion to present the "canteen" question in such a light that the temperance work-Rev. Dr. George Bailey, president of the ers were brought to shame, and the soldiers without a canteen the most pitiable objects. So, though liquor laws seem to The classes to be arranged for will, ac- be on the increase, we have need to rejoice with trembling, and not to relax There is real hope since the government

has taken hold to enforce its own laws with such men as United States Special Agent William E. Johnson, who was recently sent to Indian Territory by the Deterian Church, and a prominent member partment of Interior to wipe out the long established lawlessness there. During his stay there thirty Indian policemen are the city and awaken much interest in ordered to respond whenever he calls foreign missions. To deepen this interest on them, and in addition he has twenty on the part of Presbyterian men and deputies of his own. He has gone into to make it permanent, our board of for- dives and gambling dens of the most eign missions proposes an educational vicious character from Texas to the Kansas line and cleaned them out. He car-"Experience has shown the small group ries only a six-shooter and a steel ham-

> Parallel Passages. Jeremiah, iv:22; Jeremiah, viii:7; Psalms, 1:16; Psalms. lxxxii:5; Isaiah, xxx:8.9; Jeremiah, xvii:23; Proverbs, xv:9; Lev.,

Hints to the Leader. The Endeavor Hymnal-122, 212, 214,

Much preparation should be made beforehand for this meeting. Some one should be prepared to tell the liquor laws in your locality and others to tell to be held this spring. They will be under how they are being enforced. There competent leaders, and will not only give should also be suggestions as to what the men a knowledge of the textbook, but your society as individuals can do to further the good cause. There are usually letters and petitions to write or to sign

member to pray daily for the cause.

#### laried Activities Among the Young People's Societies monthly service held under the auspices took the place of the regular evening | Mr. Miller's address was full of interest | Paris, just after the Franco-Prussian war | the debt. "God's house," he says, should sermon. The effect of the recent bliz- and was followed by an inspiring testi- and the horrors of the commune, by of the brotherhood chapter of St. Mar-Brotherhood of St. Andrew. zard was quite noticeable in that the mony service, made possible by the recent Rev. and Mrs. R. W. McAll of England

sembly of Brotherhood Chapters for next | Church of the Ascension Monday evening in St. Andrew's parish hall, corner 14th and Corcoran streets northwest, at which the address will be delivered by Bishop Harding.

The midday Lenten services being held at Epiphany and Trinity churches each week day, except Saturday, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, continue to attract a large number of people whose places of business are located within the vicinity of the two stone, rector of St. Philip's Church, Laurel; Friday, Rev. Henry Thomas, rector of Pinkney Memorial Church, Hyattsville. Grace Church, Philadelphia; Wednesday, inspiring and helpful. Rev. G. Calvert Carter, rector of St. Andrew's Church; Thursday, Rev. J. Henning Nelms, rector of Ascension Church; Friday, Rev. C. S. Abbott, jr., of the

It is expected that a junior brotherhood chapter will shortly be organized at the Church of the Nativity, East Washington, of which Rev. Enoch M. Thompson is

Church of the Good Shepherd.

The brotherhood chapter of Matthew's Church, Hyattsville, has elected the following officers for the year ending next St. Andrew's day: Director, G. secretary and treasurer, R. B. Latimer.

Rev. Sidney Goodman of Ascension Church, Atlantic City, has accepted an invitation to deliver the address at the regular meeting of the junior local assembly, which is to meet Monday evening, March 22, at St. Michael and Ail ing and the membership list growing in Angels' Chufch. The Rev. Mr. Goodman | proportion. will also be the speaker at the noon-day service at Trinity Church Tuesday,

Rev. Peregrine Wroth, rector of the Thurch of the Messiah, Baltimore, will be the speaker at the regular week-night meeting of the Washington Local As- service to be held Friday evening at the

#### EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic for tomorrow: "Our Pattern." Matt., xi:29; xx:25-28; John, xiii:13-16;

Luke, xxii:26,27. Brookland.

"The red and the white" contest is a success. This is the verdict of the cabchurches. The following speakers are inet of the chapter, which has been conapproaching week: Monday, Tuesday and ducting one for three Sundays. The two Wednesday, Rev. Dr. Randolph H. Mc- organizations were even on the first Sun-Kim; Thursday, Rev. Thomas A. John- day; the second Sunday saw an overwhelming victory for the whites, and last Sunday the whites led by a narrow mar-At Trinity Church the speakers will be: gin The enthusiasm of the contest ex-Monday and Tuesday, Rev. W. J. Cox of tends to the meetings, which are most

Fifty-five were present at the monthly business meeting and social held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mc-Cray. Reports of the cabinet and comter is now well established and that the league activities are constantly growing

proader and more aggressive The chapter meets at the church tomorow evening at 6:15 o'clock. The "reds" and "whites" will be counted and adjournment taken to the Baptist Church nearby A union service with the Christian Endeavor Society of that church has been arranged, at which the league topic

Congress Heights.

was in charge of Miss Rachel Joyce. James McCauley gave a short talk. Interest in the chapter work is still increas-

Eldbrooke.

President W. A. Morris of the District Epworth League visited Eld-Rev. J. Henning Nelms delivered the brooke Chapter last Sunday evening, sermon at St. Margaret's Church Sunday delivering an address on "The Secret of evening, the occasion being the regular Success" at the rally services which Miller, former president of the chapter, and their children." It was begun in ings throughout Maryland.

because the electric wires were down, and the bad roads kept many from attending. This had no deleterious effect on the speaker, for his talk was most

earnest. He emphasized that "work with-

out prayer is useless and that prayer without work is mockery." He plainly showed that the present day error and cause of loss of power, if there is a loss of power, is because the Christian of today prayed for things which he never expects to use. He also declared that prayer has become more and more a form rather than an expression of 3 heartfelt desire. "We have got to see God," . he said, "and have a spiritual vision of Him before we can become imbued with power and be a strong, useful servant." His closing remarks were a direct appeal for greater consecration and were received earnestly

by the congregation. Miss Morris and Mrs. Giles assisted with vocal selections. Miss Esther Smith, superintendent of the Junior League, who has been quite

ill, has again assumed charge. Hamline.

"The Soul's Bread" was the subject dis cussed at last Sunday's devotional service. Misses Sadie White and Florence Milliken had charge of the meeting. Special music was furnished by the League mittees prove conclusively that the chap- Choir Club. It was announced that the club members, accompanied by a number sing at the Epworth League rally, which will be held during the week of the annual conference. The arrangements are in charge of E. R. Rochester, who is president of the Baltimore Conference League and of the chapter, and William L. Evans, vice president of the Choir Club and chairman of the special committee appointed for the purpose. The party, seventy-five strong, will go by trolley. Two The devotional service Sunday evening special cars have been chartered for the

The chapter's prayer service tomorro evening will be conducted by Herman T. Gammons, secretary; J. Ezra Troth, jr. will discuss the regular topic. A solo will fifteen-minute song service, commencing at 6:30 o'clock, will be led by the Choir

McKendree.

Sunday's service was led by Dayton B.

church lights were out of commission revival services. The chapter member- at their own expense. The work has ship cordially invites strangers to attend spread throughout France. The American the meetings. The service begins at 6:30 o'clock each Sunday evening. Presbyterian Brotherhood. The chapter of the Western Presbyte rian Church held a meeting in the church

> length of the benefits derived by the peolater rehearsed many of the details of the organization. At the conclusion of his remarks a number of the members discussed certain phases of the brotherhood

brotherhood of Northminster Church is gaining strength. Several new members have been added recently and son, secretary of this seciety, will prethe officers are much encouraged with the side. success attained up to the present time.

# CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Rev. George T. Berry of Englewood N. J., representative secretary of the American McAll Association, will be in the city several days next week to tell Washington people of the work of the McAll mission in France. His first public meeting will be under the auspices of the District of Columbia Christian Endeavor Union, but will be open to all who are interested in hearing of this work. Commissioner Macfarland will preside on this occasion. The meeting will be held state of New York. be rendered by J. A. B. Riley, and a Friday evening, March 19, at 8 o'clock, at St. Paul's English Lutheran Church. 11th and H streets northwest. The McAll mission is "an undenominational evangelical mission for making

association was founded in 1883 for the purpose of aiding the McAll Mission in France. Rev. Mr. Berry's address, "A New Gospel in an Old Land," will be illustrated. Church of the Covenant. At a recent meeting of the new staff of officers of this society the following

were appointed chairmen of the committees: Lookout, Miss Mildred Johnston; parlors Wednesday evening. There was prayer meeting, Miss Estelle Taylor; misa large attendance of the members. "The sionary, Miss Isabella Campbell; social, Civil Service Commission" was the sub- Miss Ella Dill; music, Miss Dorothy Dalject of an address by Chief Clerk Hiller rymple. These chairmen take charge of of the commission. He told at some their committees and the officers-elect will be installed at the 5 o'clock service to- former along these lines says:

#### Brookland Baptist. The Christian Endeavor Society of this

church will entertain the Brookland Chapter of Epworth League tomorrow

# Fifteenth Street Christian.

Two additional committees were formed in this society at the March business meeting in order to accommodate the increase in membership. Following the business session good fellowship was promoted by hearty general participation in a half dozen active games. The social committee brought in a good-sized box of homemade candy, which was also en-

# Eastern Presbyterian.

R. D. Wordman has resigned as president of this society. He left the city Wednesday to take a position with the United States immigration service in the

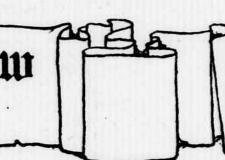
Mr. Shaw Coming to Washington.

William Shaw, general secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, known to the French people the simple will spend May 1 to 3 in Washington, fol-Gospel, especially to the 'working people' lowing his attendance at a series of meet-

# School Transon for Written for The Star by Rev. Dr. J. E. Gilbert

Secretary of the American Society of Religious Education

for Tomorrow



# Sunday

places, had rest. Under the influence and out profit. instruction of faithful teachers believers multiplied greatly and the church prosthe deeds of other apostles.

Palsied. A kind of supervision was exercised over sally loved because of her character and viii:14), who traveled through all quarters. Tabitha in Hebrew, Dorcas in Greek, sig-It is impossible to state how large was nifies the gazelle, given, doubtless, bethe circuit. In one of his journeys he cause of her beauty, it being customary to apply the names of beautiful animals visited the saints at Lydda (verse 32), a to young women (verse 36). Death came in our lesson concerning the town or people, those who were bereaved expect- and the tears of the bereaved would melt ried some time with Simon, the tanner, for eight years (verse 33). His name, inquire concerning the destiny of the de-Aeneas, never mentioned afterward, in- parted. dicates that he was a Greek. How Christianity passes by the great and noble and condescends to take note of the unfortu-Rev. Dr. George Bailey, pastor of the nate (Matt., xi:5), and to lift them up only one remembered of all the Christians The sense of loss is so painful that an- dearest to her child heart. The departed er: The apostles, as successors of Christ, who dwealt in Lydda. Cured. .

preach? Did he instruct believers? Did xiv:12). So with the believers at Joppa, occupied its former house of flesh (verse persons and their administration. The Charles W. Fitton, jr., for the past he set apart men to official trust? Possible rate and at the sight they could not bear their sorrow alone. Which will help. Have a season of prayer their names are not given, their names are not given seven years one of the prominent work- bly, but there is no record of such serv- are not known; but they came together of fellowship and help was extended, and through them then for all time they were classes.

Aeneas and Dorcas. Acts ix:31-43. [ice. of Damascus. At this act the Jews were mighty healer (verse 34). He did not tant than when trouble, like a heavy bur-In later life he recorded what Luke omits mand, Arise! which was instantly obeyed. from the Acts, that he went away into Here was a miracle. In one sense it was Arabia, and after a brief sojourn ret wrought by Peter; in a much larger turned to Damascus. (Gal., i:17) The conversion of this fiery leader put an end the instrument used by the unseen Lord. to the persecution for the time, and the There we must pause. On many points little congregations formed in various speculation might be indulged, but with-

Not far from Lydda was Joppa, an old pered. History now turns away from seaport town, made famous by Hiram's the disobedient prophet (Jonah, i:3). Here lived a Christian woman, univer-

# Invited.

When friends are taken away the heart other is sought whose presence can supply the balm. When John was beheaded

All we know is that he went to for consultation in their distress. It was the woman, gaining additional strength, attested as His chosen representatives. bedside of Aeneas, perhaps invited reported that Peter was at Lydda-prob partly lifted, was on her feet. The doors (John xv:16). And all subsequent generaby friends (James, v:14-15), an example ably the news of the cure of Aeneas had for all ministers. He entered sympa- reached them, and two men were sent Immediately after his conversion Saul thetically, regarding only his bodily con- to invite him (verse 38). The power of (verse 41). Her earthly work was not began to preach Christ in the synagogues dition. He spoke the name of the in- companionship was understood in those valid and directed attention to the days (Matt., xviii:19), never more imporgreatly offended, and a conspiracy was say what might be done, but he declared den, rests on the soul. There was an

with the nobler promptings of religion. Peter as a man and Peter as a Christian when the former can gain but little hold could not refuse this invitation (James, upon the people. Verses 35 and 42 show 1;27). Escorted by the two messengers, he that these two miracles made a profound hastened to Joppa and entered the chamber of death. There a scene of grief was presented which many artists have endeavored to represent on canvas (verse those who believed because of this exhi-39). Gathered about the precious form of bition of miraculous power were made the good woman stood many widows Paul leaving him in retirement to pre- floats in the time of Solomon (II Chron., weeping. They who had been the repare for his great ministry, but relating ii:16), and later as the shipping point of cipients of her bounty had come to rever- Savior's ministry-a kind of intellectual ence her name and mourn her loss. In their hands they held the garments which He preached and the cause which He rep-Dorcas had made, the evidences of her industry and skill and goodness, the highthe young churches by Peter (Acts. good deeds (I Tim., ii:10). Her name, est evidence of womanly virtue to an attendance upon the teachings of the gosorientalist (Prov., xxxi:19-20). The reward pel. The beginning, however, was made had already come for the life of service. The tender regard of the sorrowing, the words and looks of appreciation, the genuine and general lamentation, all showed that Dorcas had not lived in vain (Psalm,

# Restored.

greatly moved. The sight of the dead any but a stony heart. Presently he ex- and could not have been idle (verse 43). call upon God when a great work is at- miracles was esteemed less important prove of great value. tempted (Eph., vi:10). "Tabitha, arise," than the teaching of truth. (I Cor., xii: soul, whether it hovered near, as the old were founders of the church, custodians Jews believed, or had been in the home of power, invested with authority. They of disembodied spirits, as modern theo- would have no successor. It was neces-What did Peter do in Lydda? Did he his disciples went and told Jesus (Matt., logians claim, at that word once more sary that every one should respect their also of methods for handling their own

were thrown open, the friends entered, tions may turn back to them. and Dorcas was presented to them alive yet finished, and she was restored to the hearts that loved her.

tain, but in the end productive of the The better instincts of humanity accord best results (II Cor., xiii:8). The latter must be employed to good purpose at times impression and gained many converts. At Lydda and Saron (the country round cording to expectations, go a long way about) the whole population turned to the toward making the laymen's missionary vigilance in any respect. Lord. It must not be supposed that convention in this city next October a true followers of Christ. Their faith was ike that which many had during the assent to those general doctrines which of the association, Mr. Millikin says: resented. But discipleship lay a long way further on (John, viii:31), a continued and nurture must follow it (I Peter, ii:2).

#### Reflections. Why these two miracles, or rather, why

the account of them. It cannot be that The fisherman apostle must have been life a plous and much-loved woman, commendable as those actions were. He tar-

# Mission Study Glasses.

Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the There are two ways of extending the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church ed, having their emissaries in most uncause of Christ; one by truth, the other to arrange for mission study classes which expected quarters. by power. The first is slower, less cer- B. C. Millikin, assistant educational secretary of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions, propose to organize in the city this spring.

> In a recent letter to Rev. Dr. Donald C. McLeod, pastor of the First Presby-"This convention will stir the men of

was written primarify for men, and discusses the motives, aims and administration of the foreign missionary enterprise and the relation of the church at home to xviii:5; Psalms, ciii:17. it. In these classes special effort should cluded all others from the room, as he Why did the Holy Spirit pass by in sil- be made to include the inquential men in had seen Jesus do (Matt., ix:25). Kneel- ence all other deeds and record these the churches. Under strong leadership ing down, he prayed, thereby confessing only? This question is the more importing this intensive work for a brief period 217, 220, weakness and asking help. Men must tant because after a time the working of will appeal to even busy men, and will Much r "Trained leaders will be needed for classes in the local churches. To this end we are arranging for normal classes

The Presbyterian Ministerial Association of this city will hold a special session

association, will preside over the meeting.

campaign to follow the convention. method to be the most thorough and ef-fective, therefore we plan classes for men, and all kinds of packages of liquor. to meet weekly for six weeks, to study Peter visited Lydda and Joppa merely to under competent leaders "The Why and cure a paralytic and to bring back to How of Foreign Missions." This book